



RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF RABAT,
MOROCCO.

WHEREAS, since the inception of its sister city program over forty years ago, Honolulu has established and maintained an extensive program of relationships with its international sister cities based on shared cultural ties as well as economic similarities; and

WHEREAS, Honolulu has developed a reputation as a city of cultural sensitivity based on its multicultural population, its appreciation for ethnic and religious diversity and its warm hospitality to visitors and newcomers to the city; and

WHEREAS, Honolulu initiated informal relations with the City of Rabat, Morocco, and the Greater Rabat region when it helped to host the Second World Congress of Youth assembly administered by Peace Child International of the United Kingdom in August 2003; and

WHEREAS His Royal Highness Mohammed VI, King of Morocco, graciously hosted Hawaii's designated representatives at the 2003 assembly; and

WHEREAS, in August 2004, a Peace Pole was erected and a garden dedicated to the friendship between the City and County of Honolulu and the City of Rabat in one of Rabat's biggest park; and

WHEREAS, in May 2006, the President of Greater Rabat, office of the Prime Minister and, Ministry of Culture hosted the Honolulu Academy of Arts' docent tour to review Moroccan arts and architecture; and

WHEREAS, the following activities are planned between Morocco and Hawaii for this and next year:

- 1) July 2006 – A grant proposal has been submitted to the U.S. State Department, in partnership with the University of Hawaii, to fund conflict resolution workshops for youth in Morocco and Hawaii;
- 2) November 2006 – A celebration of the Morocco-Hawaii Rainbow Bridge will be held with cuisine, music and art at the Hilton Hawaiian Village as well as a dinner to benefit youth of Hawaii and Morocco; the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement for collaborations among the Kapiolani Community College and the University of Hawaii and the King Mohammed



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V University, Suisse campus, Greater Rabat; and the gifting of a fountain from Greater Rabat as a symbol of peace, tolerance and hope of young people dedicated to His Royal Highness Mohammed VI;

- 3) January to December 2007 – “Morocco Crossings,” an art and culture exhibit will be held in Hawaii and plans are being developed to send Hawaii artists and entertainers to Morocco; and
- 4) April 2007 – Business members of the Friend of Morocco will conduct a mini-trade mission to Greater Rabat to discuss economic and business collaborations between Honolulu companies and their counterparts in Greater Rabat, Morocco;

and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Hassan Amrani, Mayor of the City of Rabat, has expressed his wish to pursue a sister city relationship with the City and County of Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that the it would be mutually beneficial to pursue a sister city relationship with the city of Rabat based on the criteria established in Resolution 91-240, as amended, and that the two cities have the potential of promoting cultural exchange and of developing economic ties between Honolulu businesses with their Moroccan counterparts; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it supports the establishment of a sister city relationship with the City of Rabat, Morocco; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the mayor of the City and County of Honolulu is requested to prepare and enter into an agreement with the mayor of Rabat to formalize the sister city relationship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sister city agreement shall be consistent with the policies of Resolution 91-240, as amended, which sets forth guidelines on the establishment of sister city relationships; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the mayor, the managing director, the Mayor of Rabat and His Royal Highness Mohammed VI, King of Morocco.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

JUN 20 2006

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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Introduced: 06/20/06 By: ROD TAM

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Links: RES06-229

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COUNCIL	07/19/06	RESOLUTION AND CR-329 ADOPTED.			
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I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.


DENISE C. DE COSTA, CITY CLERK


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER